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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on September 26, 2006 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the reply fails to address the examiner's rejection of apparatus claims 9 through 16 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, regarding the lack of clarity as to which structures or materials or equivalents thereof correspond to the various means-plus-function limitations in the claims listed in the second paragraph of section 9 on page 6 of the Office action mailed on June 27, 2006. To be fully compliant, applicant's reply must specify which structures or materials or equivalents thereof correspond to each of the listed means-plus-function limitations. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl J. Tyler can be reached on 571-272-4834. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lil V. Ciric". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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